

Rust for Linux maintainer steps down in frustration with 'nontechnical nonsense'

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So one of the Microsofters intent on pushing a "memory safe", corporate sponsored language into the Linux kernel has spat his dummy out and quit, because the kernel developers are too focused on developing the kernel, in the language which the kernel is written... I suspect this is just a minor bump in the road and the corporate backers of the Linux kernel, who pay the foundation, who pay Torvalds and other key figures, will get what they want.

Rust is "security theater" bankrolled and pushed by "Big Tech" - and when they push something hard, one should always assume it's for their business agenda and profit, first and foremost. One should then learn from history and examine the track records of those involved: When did they care about security? How did they respond to vulnerabilities in the past and how many CVEs are logged against their products. And now, suddenly, they *really care* about a "memory safe" language. The origins of Rust are in the Mozilla Corporation, known for the Netscape based Mozilla and Firefox browsers, but nowadays mostly known for "activism" and copious amounts of hot air (all funded by Google).

It's a quasi "solution" to a problem, which exists due to sloppy corporate development - it's being talked up and foisted on everyone and anyone, and those who question it are labeled as irresponsible dinosaurs. Sound familiar? If you go against the corporate narrative, expect to get canceled and/or beaten over the head with a CoC.

Ultimately it's about money and control / monopoly - you don't have to spend so much on debugging and security auditing if you're perceived to be using this "industry approved" solution. Then if eventually, if you're not using it, no one will insure you, then if you're not writing your code in it, no one will use your project/product, then it's win, win for the "Big Tech" cartel who own and control the whole thing ("oh but you can fork it", they will say...).

Industry wants Rust partially because it's seen as an insurable "I can now [continue to] write bad code and the language will ensure it's 'memory safe'!" get out of jail free card - because of this, they will gladly sleepwalk into a future owned and controlled by the likes of Microsoft.